



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Telecommunications and Information Administration**

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NTIA/FCC Web-based Frequency Coordination System**

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed information, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before [insert date 60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*].

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 or via email at [JJessup@doc.gov](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Bruce M. Washington at [bwashington@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:bwashington@ntia.doc.gov), (202) 482-6415.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Abstract**

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) hosts a web-based system that collects specific identification information (*e.g.*, company name, location and projected range of the operation) from applicants seeking to operate in existing and planned radio frequency (RF) bands that are shared on a co-primary basis by federal and non-federal users. The web-based system provides a means for non-federal applicants to rapidly determine the availability of RF spectrum in a specific location, or the need for detailed frequency coordination of a specific newly proposed assignment within the shared portions of the radio spectrum. The website allows non-federal applicants proposed radio site information to be analyzed, and a real-time determination made as to whether there is a potential for interference to, or from, existing Federal government radio operations in the vicinity of the proposed site. This web-based coordination helps expedite the coordination process for non-federal applicants while assuring protection of government data relating to national security. The information provided by non-federal applicants will also assure the protection of the applicant's station from radio frequency interference from future government operations.

## **II. Method of Collection**

NTIA collects the data by means of an internet web-based system. The applications on the website provide real-time responses: (1) obtain a validation of the coordination of a single frequency, or (2) a notification of the unavailability of a frequency at one site and further coordination will be required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and NTIA.

## **III. Data**

*OMB Control No:* 0660-0018.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Affected Public:* Applicants seeking to operate in the 71–76 GHz, 81–86 GHz, and 92–95 GHz radio frequency bands today, and additional bands as frequency coordination procedures allow.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,250.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

## **IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including

hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 8, 2013

**Gwellnar Banks,**

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

**Billing Code: 3510-60-P**

**[FR Doc. 2013-19674 Filed 08/13/2013 at 8:45 am; Publication Date: 08/14/2013]**